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## Amended claims

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- 1. Use of fermented wheat germ extract for the manufacture of fodders, nutriments or premixes for enhancing weight gain and efficiency of feed conversion in animals.
- 2. Fodder or nutriment containing as fodder additive fermented wheat germ extract in an amount of 0,001-10% by weight.
- 3. Fodder- or nutriment premix containing as fodder additive fermented wheat germ extract in an amount of 0,001-50% by weight.
- 4. Fodder, nutriment or premix according to Claim 2 or 3 wherein the fermented wheat germ extract derived from a fermented liquid and biomass obtainable by fermenting wheat germ with Saccharomyces cerevisiae in an aqueous medium.
- 5. A method of enhancing weight gain and efficiency of feed conversion in farm animals characterized in that fermented wheat germ extract is given as weight gain and feed efficiency enhancing additive to the fodder of the animals and the animals are fed with the fodder obtained in this manner.
- 6. The method according to Claim 5 characterized in that said weight gain and feed efficiency enhancing additive is employed in an amount of 0,1-6 g/kg fodder, preferably in an amount of 0,3-3 g/kg fodder.
- 7. The method according to Claim 5 or 6 wherein the farm animal is cattle, horse, rabbit, pigglet, fattening pig, broiler chicken, egg-laying hen, turkey, goose or duck.
- 8. Use of fermented wheat germ extract for the manufacture of a preparation for enhancing weight gain and feed efficiency of farm animals.
- 9. Use of fermented wheat germ extract for the manufacture of a preparation for preventing and/or treating animal's Mycoplasma infections.
- 10. Use of fermented wheat germ extract for the manufacture of a preparation for preventing and/or treating animal's infectious inflammations, particularly pneumonia caused by M. hyopneumoniae.
- 11. Use of fermented wheat germ extract for the manufacture of a preparation for preventing and/or treating coccidiosis infection of poultry.

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- 12. Use of fermented wheat germ extract for the manufacture of a preparation for increasing antibody titer of vaccinated poultry.
- 13. Use of fermented wheat germ extract for preventing and/or reducing Mycoplasma gallisepticum or Mycoplasma synoviae infection and/or coccidiosis infection in poultry.
- 14. Use of fermented wheat germ extract for preventing pneumonia caused by M. hyopneumoniae.
- 15. The use according to Claim 1 or 8 or any one of Claims 11 to 13 wherein the fermented wheat germ extract is employed by mixing said extract to the usual fodder in an amount of 0,1 6 g/kg fodder.

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